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SECOND THE MOTION

The Hilo Tribune last week printed an editorial in which was advocated the adoption of tree planting as a memorial for the boys who fell on the battlefield in the great war against autocracy. The News prints today a story of the Memorial Day exercises at Georgetown University, in which a tree was planted in memory of each Georgetown student who lost his life, while an aviator circled above the as trees were set. The News reprints in part the editorial and seconds the motion heartily, for what better monument could we find than a beautiful growing tree which every day brings a reminder of the life that was nobly sacrificed, and yearly grows more magnificent?

What monument could be so fitting? Joyce Kilmer, who gave his life in France, wrote:

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy hands to pray.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

And only God can make a monument suitable for the man who lays down his life for his fellowmen.

What more appropriate monuments to our soldiers and sailors than a tree planted on a lawn, a row of trees on a street, or a park of trees? From such planting will spring those big bodied, broad breasted, leaf crowned temples wherein the winds of heaven sing ever their songs of praise; wherein the birds of the air find nesting place; beneath the shade of which young lovers plight their troth; about whose roots the children play and voice their songs of innocence and joy.

What more beautiful than a growing tree? Directly across the way is a wide spreading acacia, its light green oval top purple brown with a thousand blooms. It has been perhaps a hundred years in building. It may well stand a thousand years more. Man, with his little span of three score years and ten may fell it in an hour.

To put the makings of such a tree into the ground in memory of a departed friend with the hope that it will some day be as beautiful as this one across the street—surely that is an act of pure idealism. All the wealth of the world could not build such a monument. The elements themselves must bring the living grains for its structure and set them one by one, with infinite patience, into its growing body. Nature will, year after year make it larger, more beautiful, more fitting as a monument to departed worth. Yearly it will send its roots deeper, its crown higher, its branches wider; steadily it will grow in stature and strength. Each day and each hour it will symbolize anew the virtues of him we loved and lost. Not only this generation, but those to come will look upon it and remember the heroic deeds it was planted to commemorate, the sacrifice made for country, the sacrifice for love. In its spreading boughs will always pulsate the rhythmical measures of the song of freedom which is America's birthright.

IT'S GREAT IF YOU DON'T WEAKEN

First they wondered who would be candidates for the election to the various offices. Then the candidates finally came out and announced themselves. The age-old fight of honesty and integrity against graft and politics was started in Honolulu several months ago and the fur flew for many days. The things the alleged grafter called the honest man were awful, and the exposes the honest man made of the grafter's dealings were scandalous, and between them both and their numerous adherents there was a lot of hot air spilled, sending up the temperatures of not only Honolulu but all the other islands.

Last Tuesday they finished the fight between themselves and gave the people a chance to say which one they wanted, and the people either because they thought long and hard or else because they just said, "Well that guy's been in long enough, we'll give the other fellow a chance," elected the honest man. We are wondering now whether the honest man is going to stay honest.

That was Honolulu. In Maui they also had an election. But you wouldn't have known it. Business went on as usual, and in fact a lot of folk forgot all about it. So that the man who didn't get on the board of supervisors at the primary election got elected this time, and the county might just as well have saved its money and declared him elected anyway. However, it gave the Democrats a chance to be heard again, and some day they'll get in—the Democrats always get there sooner or later, you know—and then Maui will sit back just like Honolulu is doing now and wonder how long the honest Democrats will stay honest.

The game of politics is a great game, and it's quite exciting at times. Especially if you have any skeletons in your closet. If you haven't the skeletons your opponent will invent some anyway, and you'll be kept busy refuting his statements. All of which is part of the game. In the long run they all try to do their best, and each candidate enters his new office with the highest kind of ideals. Unfortunately, however, for the poor people who are being ruled, some of the people can't hang on to their ideals very long, and so the public makes bets with itself as to how long it will have to wait before the new broom begins to wear down at the corners and the dirt is allowed to lie along the edges of the baseboard or else be swept under the sofa. We are glad, however, that the honest man won out. Maybe he'll be able to hang on long enough to his ideals to accomplish some good. Even a little is better than none at all, and if we take the word of the supporters of the honest man the opponent didn't do no good nohow.

THE SPARED ROD BRINGS NO PEACE

Germany is sure having a difficult time swallowing the bitter pill which she concocted in her laboratory of rape, pillage and war. She's

kicking and fussing and obstinately shaking her head over it, just the same as any small boy who has been eating green apples and doesn't want to take the pill that will stop his stomach ache.

It would seem about time for the peace council to lay down an ultimatum to Germany such as our parents were wont to do when we got obstinate as children, i. e. "Now Jimmie, you eat what is on your plate now, or you'll get a licking." Then we suggest that the peace council like a wise parent administer the licking if the obstinate German government does not eat its piece of humble pie and take the bitter pill.

Also we rise to inquire what is the idea of Germany submitting peace terms to the Allies? We have been under the impression all along that it was Germany who was licked and to whom terms of peace would be made by us. Instead of which Germany states twice she won't sign our peace terms and submits a long reply and peace terms of her own in installments. It certainly looks as though that small boy is due to get his licking, and we hope the peace commissioners and Allied heads will have gumption enough to administer it.

There's only one way to teach a German anything, and that is to beat it into his brain with force. He recognizes no other argument, and the peace council is wasting time trying to knock any sense into the German government by any other means. If they don't sign the peace treaty soon let's wade in and give them a good drubbing. Then the whole thing will be over in a short while and the world family will be able to settle down to its peaceful pursuits once more.

UNCLE SAM AND HIS SHIPS

The American merchant marine has been one of the favorite industries for legislative tinkering. It has been one of the favorite targets of labor leaders nourishing grudges.

When ship subsidies were proposed, senators from the short-grass rose upon their hind legs and brayed against the things as public iniquities. When hope seemed most promising for a restoration of our merchant marine, German shipowners and other foreigners, says the Toledo Blade, lobbied strenuously and successfully in Washington.

Because we fear a repetition of all these evils we cannot think unkindly of the movement to dispose of government owned and government managed merchant vessels to private owners. It is not a case which, in our opinion, involves the principle of public ownership. What is involved is the reality and the future of the merchant marine.

The government now owes a direct responsibility to the merchant service. Congress must help it as an infant industry of its own flesh and blood. If short-visaged shipowners and selfish shipbuilders attack the merchant marine as something inimical to their temporary interests—once their custom—they attack a possession of the people. If foreigners resume their lobbying it will not be against private industry whom politicians love to bait, but against Uncle Sam himself.

The time will come when the new merchant marine, we apologize for a bad pun, can stand upon its own bottom. We will have a national pride in it. The short-grass will be educated to understanding its own interest in the export trade. Then the government, having brought up its child, can turn it loose, confident of its ability to go it alone in the world. Until then wisdom directs that Uncle Sam retain his position as guide, mentor and protector.—The Service.

Mail By Airplane No Longer A Myth

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Aeroplane service on the mainland is now an established fact, and the day will soon be coming when the interisland mail will be delivered by aeroplanes. A notice which has just been received by The Maui News from the office of the second assistant Postmaster General at Washington through the San Francisco post office, advises that a regular air mail service was established between Chicago and Cleveland and Boston and New York, on May 15. This means that the delivery of letters to Cleveland and Boston will be advanced 16 hours and at Albany, New York and Springfield, Mass., 6 hours from the time they leave Chicago. It means that in Cleveland there will be afternoon delivery of mail instead of next morning delivery, in New York City morning delivery instead of afternoon delivery, and in Boston afternoon delivery instead of next morning delivery.

Special Stamps Provided
Special aeroplane stamps and stamps marked "Air Mail" have been provided for this service. The postage charge for the service is 6 cents per ounce and the use of a special delivery stamp, it is announced, will insure greater expedition of letters at the points of delivery. The mails for the west coast will be sent via airplane and placed aboard trains at Chicago and Kansas City thus ensuring more expeditious delivery for the west coast and Honolulu. Letters now going from the islands to the eastern cities and marked Air Mail with the necessary postage attached, will reach their destination much more quickly, after being taken from the steamers at San Francisco, than formerly.

Such a service is a boon for the merchants in these distant points, and many Maui business say they are now looking forward to the day when it will be possible to mail a letter in Honolulu in the morning and have it reach Maui three hours later.

Cherniavsky Trio Scores A Triumph

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applause for the young pianist. As an encore he played Scriben's "Pastorale." He also proved that he could submerge the soloist into the harmonic whole, by doing some beautiful accompanying in the trio work.

The ensemble work of the trio was excellent and showed the results which are gained only from much hard work. All of the brothers pronounced themselves in their concert Tuesday night as musicians of no mean ability. Their smoothness of ensemble was shown particularly in the rendition of the Rimsky-Korsakow "Romance Oriental," with its wierd harmonies and the Dvorak Slav Dance, both of them difficult by very reason of their apparent simplicity of composition. They played as an encore Grieg's "Anitra's Dance." Maui is glad the Cherniavsky's came and will extend them an even more cordial welcome if they should ever play a return engagement.

CUBAN MILLS WASTE MOLASSES

HAVANA, April 25—(By Associated Press)—Great quantities of molasses are wasted by the sugar mills of Cuba. Attempts have been made to utilize this waste product as fuel for the boilers of the sugar mills and now a Cuban inventor claims he has invented an apparatus which will permit the use of the molasses as fuel without choking the furnaces.

All the sugar mills produce more molasses than can be marketed and it is asserted, twice the amount needed to furnish fuel for steam power.

EXERTS OCCULT POWER

LOS ANGELES, Calif., May 12—(By Associated Press)—The offer of an unusually large reward made through the police for the return of a simple gold band ring reveals the fact that it has been in the possession of the owner's family for more than two and a half centuries. Chusaku Sakuda describes it as a small circle for the little finger on which is engraved in Japanese character an entire poem whose theme is that the wearing of the ring will bring luck to the owner but disaster will follow the one who steals it.

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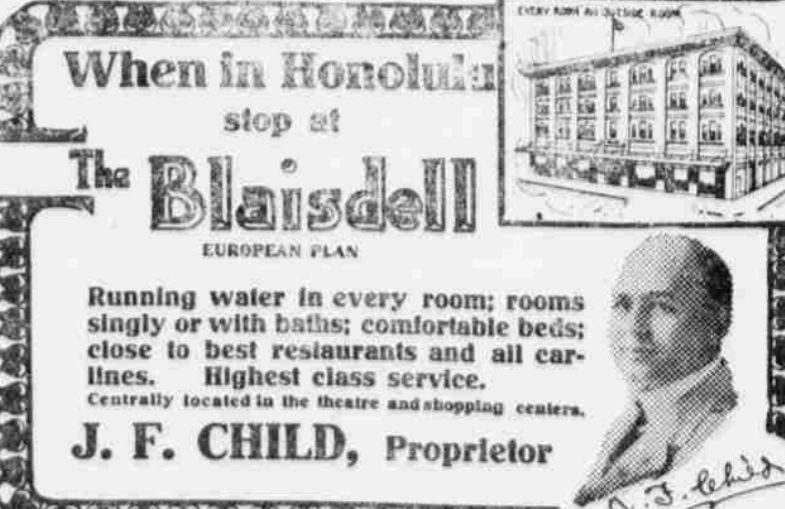
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